

*Stated Meeting, October 21, 1887.*

Present, 26 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Prof. Smyth, a lately elected member, was presented to the Chair and took his seat.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

A letter, dated September 10, 1887, from the Geographical Society of Lisbon, announcing the death of its President, M. d'Aguiar.

Letters from Prof. Joseph Prestwich and Sir Richard Owen, giving change of address.

A letter from the New York Academy of Medicine, asking exchange of publications, which on motion was granted.

A letter of envoy from the Meteorological Office, London, Eng.

Letters of acknowledgment from R. Saxon Society of Science, Leipzig (125); Philosophical Society, University Library, Cambridge, Eng. (125); Yorkshire Geological and Polytechnic Society, Halifax, Eng. (125); Royal Statistical Society of Arts, London, Eng. (125); Zoölogical Society of London (122-125); William Crooks, Sir Richard Owen, London, Eng. (125); Sir Henry W. Acland, Oxford, Eng. (125); Society of Antiquaries of London (125); Royal Dublin Society (125); Prof. W. P. Wilson, Philadelphia (125); Col. Garrick Mallery, Washington, D. C. (125).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Linnaean Society of New South Wales, Sydney; New Zealand Institute, Wellington; Serge Nikitin, St. Petersburg; K. K. Universitäts Sternwarte, Prag; Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie, etc., Berlin; G. vom Rath, Bonn; Silesian Botanical Exchange Society, Planegg; K. Nordiske Oldskrift Selskab, Copenhagen; Biblioteca Nazionale Vittorio Emanuele, Rome; Société de Géographie, Paris; Meteorological Council, Cobden Club, London; American Academy of Arts and

Sciences, Boston ; H. W. Conn, Middleton, Conn. ; New York Academy of Sciences ; Irish Benevolent Union of the United States, Rev. Charles G. Ames, Dr. Frazer, Martin I. J. Griffin, Philadelphia ; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore ; University of California, Sacramento.

Pursuant to appointment, Mr. Philip C. Garrett read an obituary notice of the late Pliny Earle Chase, LL.D., a Vice-President of the Society.

This being the stated meeting for the balloting for candidates for membership, an election was held and the following persons were declared to have been duly elected members of the Society :

No. 2145. Prof. Guisèppe Menenghini, Pisà, Italy.

No. 2146. Prof. Edgar F. Smith, Springfield, Ohio.

A paper was presented, through Vice-President Ruschenberger, for the Proceedings, by Alfred B. Taylor, on "Octonary Numeration and its Application to a System of Weights and Measures."

Prof. Cope made some remarks on the "Phylogeny and Classification of the Artiodactyla;" after which Dr. J. Cheston Morris spoke of the remarkable resemblance between Devonshire sheep and goats; that both ewes and bucks had horns, and like the goat they had more than one period of reproduction in the year; that they seemed to be something between sheep and goats.

The President reported that he had received and paid over to the Treasurer the sum of \$131.80, being the interest on the Michaux legacy, due October 1, 1887.

On motion of Prof. Snyder, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three members to inquire into the scientific value of the newly invented language, *Volapük*, and to report thereon to the Society. [The President subsequently appointed Messrs. D. G. Brinton, Henry Phillips, Jr., and Monroe B. Snyder as the Committee.]

And the Society was adjourned by the President.